(iii) NMBS – The Maternity Benefit is available as lumpsum case assistance to women of households below the poverty line subject to the following conditions :

(a) The benefit is restricted to pregnant women upto the first two live births provided they are 19 years of age and above.

(b) The beneficiaries should belong to households below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

(c) The ceiling on the amount of benefit is Rs.300/-

(d) The number of such cases should be within the numerical ceiling prescribed for the State/UT.

(d) The requisite information is given below :-

Name of the scheme	Number of beneficiaries in.		
	State as a whole	Kalahandi	Nuapada
1. NOAPS	251982	10123	4202
2. NFBS	2632	90	50
3. NMBS	46422	1765	586

(e) The funds released to the State as well as two districts of Kalahandi and Nuapeda are as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Funds release during		
	1995-96	1996-97	Total
State-Orissa			
1. NOAPS	784.08	2290.13	3074.21
2. NFBS	510.69	146.50	657.19
3. NMBS	240.08	395.30	635.38
Distt. Kalahandi			
1. NOAPS	28.00	91.06	119.06
2. NFBS	18.23	22.69	40.92
3. NMBS	8.58	14.12	22.70
Distt. Nuapada			
1. NOAPS	11.63	37.74	49.37
2. NFBS	7.57	–	7.57
3. NMBS	3.56	5.87	9.43

Special Grants to States

1878. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sought a special grant of Rs. 1000 crores from the Planning Commission to cope with mass influx of population from outside the State;

(b) whether the Government have agreed to provide the above grant; and

(c) whether the Government are considering such special grants of other States similarly affected by large scale influx of outsiders and infiltration of foreigners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No specific proposal has been received as yet from the Government of Maharashtra on this issue. However, in the meeting held on 29th January, 1997 between Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, the question of providing of Special Central Assistance of Rs. 1000 crore to improve the basic amenities of Mumbai was raised by Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Rural Electrification

1879. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :
SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of electrification done during each of the last three years in the country till date year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the target fixed for the current financial year;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) the proportion of electrification in rural and urban areas;

(e) whether Union Government propose of privatise the electrification system in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The